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REMARKS

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1. At 8:30 a.m. on 12 July 1952, about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were seen stringing telephone lines on permanent postal system poles on Sonnenwalder Strasse, Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15). Trucks same type was seen along Highway No 96 toward Gahro on 18 July. The cable ended at the foot of a pole at the southwestern intersection of the approach lane of the airfield and began again at the northwestern intersection from where it extended on permanent poles in northern direction. *

2. On 19 July, engineers with 15 trucks, 2 jeeps, 2 motorboats and 7 trucks with pontoons were entrained in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37). They departed toward Dessau at 3:30 p.m. The trucks with the pontoons

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3. On 26 July, a train carrying about 20 trucks loaded with boxes and tubes, 4 meters long and 5 to 6 centimeters in diameter, and including 6 boxcars of personnel passed through the Dobrilugk railroad station. One truck that the shipment belonged to a special unit. *

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* Comment. Reports indicated that, beginning 20 July, signal units of the GFG and various armies including the First Gds Mecz Army were assembled in the area of Finsterwalde-Dobrilugk, probably for a signal command post exercise. According to previous observations, the motor vehicle belong to the First Gds Mecz Army. Accordingly, a signal unit of this army must have arrived in that area as early as 12 July 1952. The train reported by paragraph 3 probably went only as far as Finsterwalde and carried signal equipment.

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** Comment. According to the previous system, motor vehicle belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div. The other belong in the area of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Reports indicated that two other trains went from Wittenberg to Dessau on 18 and 19 July, while one train arrived in Dessau on 17 July. It is therefore believed that upon completion of certain practices such as the construction of ferries, units may have been exchanged between the engineer training areas for the next stage of training which may include the construction of bridges.

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